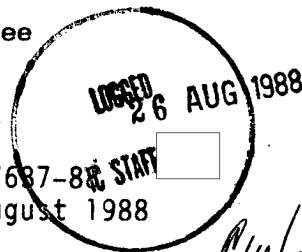


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence Producers Staff

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1. After participating in the several ICS iterations over the past five months concerning the "fix" for a top down requirements system, we feel strongly that the single most effective "fix" that could be quickly and easily accomplished, is to stimulate the production elements to initiate more direct interface with the Collection Committees. An easy way for them to do this is to simply submit new collection requirements related to NIT gaps.

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2. To this end, we propose you add something akin to the following to the FY 1989 NITs document:

"It is incumbent upon the NIT sponsoring organizations to evaluate their capabilities to satisfy the NITs, identify their analytical gaps and submit related collection requirements to the appropriate Collection Committees. The Collection Committees will initiate interaction with the submitter to help generate effective collection requirement statements."

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3. We need to be sensitive to the fact that many production analysts believe that broad, general statements of intelligence needs, such as those found in the NITs, equate to collection requirements, which of course, they do not. If we can be of further help, please call.

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